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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 958  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Louis Frederick Vossell, Sr., of Cookeville on the celebration of his 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Louis Frederick "Fred" Vossell, Sr., will celebrate his 80th birthday on June 30, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on June 30, 1920 in Bound Brook, New Jersey, Mr. Vossell is a highly respected member of the Cookeville community, where he has resided for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, a 1939 graduate of Somerville High School, Fred Vossell began employment with American Cynamid as a colorist, the same position that later led him to a successful career with Sandoz. Mr. Vossell then began what would be a nineteen-year career as a Sales Representative for Sandoz, beginning with the Memphis division in 1961; and

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WHEREAS, in 1968, Fred transferred to Portland, Oregon, where he stayed until his retirement in 1980, when he and his family moved to Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the Foreign Wars, Mr. Vossell served his country with distinction as a Hospital Corpsman in the United States Navy during both World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Vossell approaches his ninth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various community events; he lends his valuable time and considerable talents to the Somerville Volunteer Fire Department, the American Cancer Society, SALT with the Cookeville Police Department, the Algood Lion's Club, where he has served as Vice President, the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Tenn Healthcare Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Fred Vossell has been extremely active with the AARP during the past eleven years; he served as his local chapter's president in 1999, and was a vital part of the state legislative group for five years and of the national legislative group (VOTE) for six years. A registered lobbyist, Mr. Vossell also served as the Tennessee delegate to the 1998 National AARP Meeting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vossell's significant knowledge made him an invaluable part of the Upper Cumberland Development District Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, the Long Term Care Planning Council, and the Planning Committee for the 1998 Regional Long Term Care Forum; and

WHEREAS, he has rendered astute service as a participant in the 1995 regional White House Conference on Aging, as a representative for Upper Cumberland at the National Legislative Briefing in Memphis, as a member of Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, and as a volunteer ombudsman representative for Aging Services for the Upper Cumberlands, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements and honors aside, Mr. Fred Vossell is very appreciative of the constant love and companionship that he shares with his devoted wife of 54

years, Dorothy Marie Snyder Vossell. From this blessed union that was united in the holy bonds of matrimony in 1946, two sons were born; Fred and Dorothy are the proud parents of Louis Frederick Vossell, Jr., M.D., and Richard Alan Vossell; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. Louis Frederick "Fred" Vossell, Sr., on the celebration of his 80th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.